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Why couldn't a McDonald's restaurant chain in the shale patch -- or any food provider - form a master limited partnership (MLP), thus avoiding the federal corporate income tax? Answer: It would have to ask the Internal Revenue Service, and MLP experts say it'd have less chance than a snowball in hell.

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